## **DECISION MEMORANDUM**

TO: COMMISSIONER KJELLANDER

COMMISSIONER RAPER COMMISSIONER ANDERSON COMMISSION SECRETARY

**COMMISSION STAFF** 

FROM: BRANDON KARPEN

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DATE: SEPTEMBER 23, 2016

SUBJECT: QUESTAR GAS AND DOMINION RESOURCES MERGER AGREEMENT,

CASE NO. QST-G-16-01

On September 15, 2016, Staff submitted to the Commission a decision memorandum requesting the Commission issue notice of a Settlement Stipulation and implement a ten-day comment period for customers. To date, the Commission has not issued the notice. Upon further reflection, Staff suggests that the Commission not issue the notice. Rather, seeing the procedural posture of this matter, and because the Commission's approval is not necessary for the Settlement Stipulation and underlying merger to take effect, the Commission should consider this matter fully submitted.

## STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Because the merger is now final, Staff requests that its previous recommendation to issue notice of the stipulation, and implementation of a comment period be withdrawn. Finally, Staff recommends that the Commission consider this matter fully submitted

## **COMMISSION DECISION**

Does the Commission wish to:

1. Allow Staff to withdraw its September 16, 2016, recommendation; and

2. Consider this matter fully submitted?

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